SI. No.	Name of the Scheme	Achievements
6.	National AIDS Control Programme	No specific targets were set for the National AIDS Control Programme during 8th Plan period. The programme envisaged modernization of 90 blood banks, 372 STD clinics, 30 Blood component separation facilities. Against this 81S blood banks 514 STD clinics & 40 blood component separation facilities are being provided.

7. Rural Health Infrastructure

	(Nos.)
Sub-Centres	795
Primary Health Centres	889
Community Health centres	212

Newspaper Report on Smuggled Gold Consignments

1227. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether government's attention has been drawn to the news-items captioned "Government aware of smuggled gold consignments" which appeared in the Times of India (Bombay edition) dated 14th June. 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHR1 P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Government are aware of the news report referred to in the question. It was stated in the news report that huge quantities of gold have been smuggled into the country through baggage brought from Gulf countries. However, on verification, the contents of the news report have been found to be speculative in nature and not true.

Selection of Assistant Advisor and Deputy Advisor in ISM and Homoeopathy

1228. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted by Government for the appointment and selection of Assistant Advisors and Deputy Advisors in the dsepartment of Indian System of Medicine (ISM) and Homoeopathy in his Ministry;

(b) whether pick and choose formula has been adopted by Government in appointing and selecting the Assistant Advisors and Deputy Advisors by ignoring seniority etc., and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) As per the notified recruitment the post of Asstt. Advisor and Deputy Advisor in the Deptt. of ISM and Homoeopathy are interchangeable with that* of senior Medical Officer and Chief Medical Officer in the CGHS which means that if a Doctor in the grade of Rs.3000—4500 is posted at the headquarters of the Deptt. he is designated as Assistant Adviser and when posted in CGHS he is designated as Senior Medical Officer. Similarly, a Doctor who is in the pay scale of Rs. 3700—5000 when posted in the headquarters of the Deptt., is designated as Deputy Advisor and when posted in CGHS is designated as Chief Medical Officer. The promotion to the grade of Assistant Advisor/Senior Medical Officer and that of Deputy Adviser/Chief Medical Officer is 100 per cent by promotion from the lower grade and is on seniority-cum-fitness basis. However, the promotion is vacancy based.

A Medical Officer in any system of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy with 4 years regular service in the grade is eligible for consideration for promotion as senior Medical Officer/Assistant Adviser in the particular stream and similarly Senior Medical Officer/Assistant Medical Officer having 5 years regular service in the grade failing which senior Medical Officer/Assistant Adviser with 9 years combined regular service in the grade of Senior Medical Officer/Medical Officer with 2 years regular service in the grade of Senior Medical Officer/Assistant Adviser are eligible for promotion to the grade of Chief Medical Officer/Deputy Adviser in the particular stream.

(b) and (c) The seniority of doctors in the various systems of Indian System of Medicine and Homoeopathy is made as per the grade in which they are working and the posting of these doctors either as Asstt. Advisor or Deputy Advisor of senior Medical Officer or Chief Medical Officer does not disturb their seniority in their respective grade. As the nature of work at the headquarters of the Deptt. of ISM&H is somewhat different from the nature of work a doctor has to perform in CGHS the Deptt. post only such doctors as Assistant Advisor/deputy Advisor who according to the Deptt. would be suitable in doing the policy work/desk work and while doing so no other criteria is taken into consideration.

Supreme Court Directives for Codifying the Entire System of Blood Banking

1229. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the supreme court of India vide its judgement dated 4th January. 1996 issued certain directives including advising the Central Government to have a specific legislation for codifying the entire system of blood banking;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken steps to bring forward appropriate legislation as directed by the Supreme Court of India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have invited suggestions from organisations like India Association of Blood Banks etc. before finalising the legislation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (e) Government of India is considering to amend Part XB, XIIB and XIIC of Drugs & Cosmetic Rules which deals with the Blood Banking System as per the direction by the Hon'ble Supreme court of India.

Draft rules will be circulated to the